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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"From the answer that I have given I do not think it is justifiable for the hon. Member to infer that we admit that the Department were in the wrong."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, when a brilliant candidate fails, naturally the suspicion is that marks have not been given properly. In this case is it not advisable to revalue the papers especially in view of what has happened in the University? I learn there were some mistakes made in the counting in one case and in another case there were no marks entered on the answer paper?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"If cases like that are brought to the notice of the Commissioner, he will take such action as he deems fit."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Whether the hon. Minister admits if there was any mistake or not, in view of the large number of failures, may I ask whether he does not consider that raising the number of passes by 15 per cent to be reasonable and that the valuation of the answer papers has not been properly done?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no information available with regard to the number of marks or the valuation."

Text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for S.S.L.C. and the T.S.L.C. examinations of 1933 and 1934 respectively.

*333 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. public examination of 1933 and T.S.L.C. examinations of 1934 were considered by the Director of Public Instruction or the Commissioner and approved by him before they were notified by the Secretary in the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

A.—Yes; the books were approved by the Commissioner before they were notified.

Enhancement of educational subsidies on account of the pay of teachers employed in schools.

*334 Q.—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what arrangements have been made by the Government regarding the enhancement of the Provincial subsidies for meeting the pay of the teachers in the Provincial schools in accordance with the scale of pay fixed by the Government to teachers of Elementary schools; and

(b) what arrangements have been made with regard to the amalgamation and concentration of the elementary schools?